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In re Application of Julius *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/721,904
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Title: INDUCTION OF ANTIBIOTIC PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES
BY LAIT/sCD14-PROTEIN
Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: Valarie Bertoglio
Atty's Docket No.: 47841/00063

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20331
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting the following as the first paragraph of the description:

C' This application is a continuation application of international patent application No. PCT/CA 99/000482, filed May 27, 1999, designating the United States. Each of these applications claim the benefit of priority of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/086,884 filed May 27, 1998, which application is incorporated herein by reference. International patent application No. PCT/CA 99/00482 was published in English under Article 21 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty under WO 99/61468 on December 2, 1999 without the International Search Report, and again under WO 99/61468 on April 6, 2000 with the International Search Report.

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Yours very truly,



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